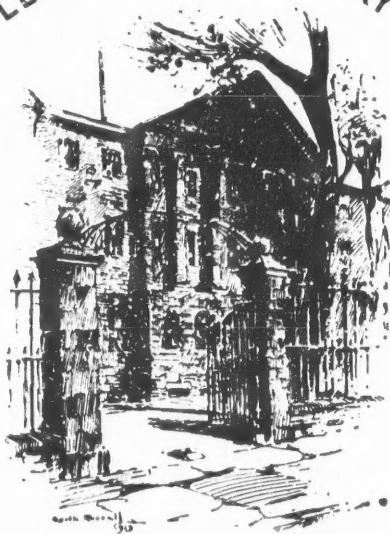


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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE following narrative has been prepared for publication at the suggestion of Contributors and Friends of the Memorial to the late venerated Dr. Forrester.

As an enterprise of public interest, the first example of a Provincial Testimonial in recognition of important Educational services rendered to the country, it was deemed worthy of a more permanent record than could be afforded by the comparatively ephemeral notices of the newspaper press.

It was also considered proper to remove any misapprehensions that might exist, in any quarter, as to the merits of the unhappy controversy, created last summer, by the pretensions of certain parties—some indifferent, some hostile, to the undertaking—claiming a right to interfere with the Memorial Committee and control their work.

For this purpose ALL the material facts and documents of the case—the *major part of which*, the organs of the Local Government, while professing to publish the official correspondence between the Memorial Committee and the Government, *thought proper to suppress*—are now, for the first time, given to the public in these pages.

Had the Committee been desirous, they would have had no difficulty in finding a place for the missing correspondence in the columns of the opposition press. They were resolved, however, rather to incur the risk of misrepresentation, than, for a single moment, allow the sacred memory of the dead to be prostituted to the purposes of political partizanship.

The suggestion of printing the whole matter in pamphlet form seemed the most satisfactory way of accomplishing the two objects above mentioned. This would have been done in August last, immediately after the Convention of the Educational Association, but the difficulty of obtaining a meeting of the Committee during the vacation delayed action until recently.

The matter is now fully before the Public, in whose judgment the Committee confidently leave the issue.

HALIFAX, N. S., OCTOBER, 1872.

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History of the Forrester Memorial.

In the *Journal of Education* for June, 1869, there appeared the following article from the pen of T. H. Rand, Esq., M. A., then Superintendent of Education for Nova Scotia, containing the first suggestion of the idea of a Monument to the memory of the late Dr. Forrester :—

A MEMORIAL STONE.

The labours by which the late Dr. Forrester became most widely identified with the public interests of his adopted land, were rendered in connection with our Common Schools. The Teachers of Nova Scotia cannot repay the laborious discharge of duties undertaken by him in their behalf, but we trust they will claim the privilege of marking their esteem and gratitude for the great services which he rendered not only to the cause of popular education, but especially to the teaching profession throughout the length and breadth of Nova Scotia. By his instructions at Truro, by his labours on the platform, by his pen as editor of the *Journal of Education and Agriculture*, and as author of the Teacher's Text Book, all the members of the profession have been largely benefited.

It seems to us that no more fitting public testimonial could be provided than the erection of a memorial stone in the Cemetery at Truro. We think that it is only necessary to suggest this to the teachers of Nova Scotia, in order to secure a suitable memorial. We are sure that each Inspector will be pleased to receive the subscriptions of the Teachers in his county. A dollar from each Teacher in the Province would, we think, be sufficient. The value of such a memorial would be greatly enhanced if all the Teachers contributed something towards it, however small the amount.

We would suggest that those teachers who desire to contribute to this object, should hand their subscriptions to the Inspector as early as possible, in order that when the Educational Association meets at Christmas, the total amount may be known, and measures at once adopted to secure the erection of the memorial. A list of the subscribers will be duly published in the *Journal*.

In November, 1869, the following Address was published and circulated.

TO THE TEACHERS OF NOVA SCOTIA:

Fellow-Labourers,—I have already suggested through the columns of the *Journal of Education*, the desirableness of the Teachers of this Province expressing in a permanent and public way, the respect so justly due from us all, to the memory of the late Dr. FORRESTER.

I would propose the erection of a suitable MONUMENT in the Cemetery at Truro. If the amount contributed shall be more than is deemed necessary for this purpose, I would propose to expend the balance in procuring a fine PORTRAIT of Dr. Forrester, to be placed in the Provincial Normal School.

In order that every Teacher may have the opportunity of giving something towards a suitable Memorial, I have requested the Inspectors in the several Counties to receive and forward contributions. A dollar from each Teacher would raise a sum sufficient for the purpose contemplated.

If you desire to give to this object, please hand your contribution to the Inspector TO-DAY. The contributions from each County will be acknowledged through the *Journal of Education*.

I shall request the Educational Association of Nova Scotia to appoint a Committee to take charge of the Funds, and expend them for the purposes for which they were given.

Sincerely yours,

T. H. RAND.

HALIFAX, Nov. 13th, 1869.

At the Convention of the Educational Association of Nova Scotia, held at Halifax, December 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, 1869, the official report published in the *Journal of Education* for February, 1870, states:—

"J. Parsons, A. B., Secretary of the Executive Committee, read a communication from T. H. Rand, Esq., M. A., relative to the erection of a Monument to the late Rev. Dr. Forrester. The letter was favorably received, and a Committee, consisting of the President, Messrs. Bayne, McNaughton, Hollies, Condon and Sterns, was appointed to consider the subject of the communication, and requested to report before the close of the Convention."

On the last day of the Convention, Mr. McNaughton, from the Committee on the proposed monument to Dr. Forrester, reported as follows:—

"Whereas, in the all-wise Providence of Almighty God our dearly-beloved and venerated father, Dr. Forrester, has been removed from his high and honourable sphere of labour on earth:

"And Whereas, from his abundant and highly successful labors in the cause of Education and Free Schools, his honoured name richly deserves to be perpetuated, not only in the memories and tenderest affections of Teachers and Educationists generally, but also by some enduring public memorial,

which will afford tangible evidence of the high appreciation and profound regard of his pupils and friends:

"*And Whereas*, T. H. Rand, Esq., M. A.,* Superintendent of Education, has already by circular called the attention of Teachers throughout the Province to the desirability of the speedy accomplishment of this praiseworthy undertaking:

"*Therefore Resolved*, That this Association heartily approves of the method recommended by the Superintendent in behalf of Teachers and other friends: and further recommends the appointment of a Standing Committee of five, with power to add to their numbers, to devise ways and means for raising the Amount necessary for the erection of a memorial which they, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Education and Principal of the Normal School, shall deem worthy the late deceased and much-lamented Principal of the Normal and Model Schools."

Brief addresses were made by several members of the Convention in relation to the matter. Mr. Calkin proposed the erection of a statue of deceased upon the Normal School grounds as the most fitting memorial they could make. It would no doubt require a considerable outlay of means, but a sufficient amount for the purpose might, he thought, be raised.

Mr. Hollies objected to the measure on the ground of its being altogether beyond the means of the Teachers of the Province. He thought that no suitable statue or monument could be erected by them, and suggested as an appropriate memorial a large and handsome portrait of the Doctor, to be placed in the Normal School. He thought this within their means, and better calculated than a monument to preserve the memory of the deceased.

The report was sustained, and the following appointed as a committee, with power to add to their numbers: J. Hollies, of Dartmouth, Messrs. J. Scott Hutton and J. F. L. Parsons, of Halifax, Mr. Alfred D. Smith, of Yarmouth, S. McNaughton, of Guysboro', and J. H. Rhindress, of Sydney Mines; Mr. Parsons to be Convener and J. Hollies Treasurer.

An address "To the Friends of Education" was prepared and published in almost every newspaper of the Province, and three thousand copies struck off on sheets for distribution by the friends of the movement. The address contained, in addition to the resolution adopted by the Convention, the further arrangements of the Committee, as follows:—

The Committee after careful consideration has determined upon the erection of a Monument in the grounds of the Provincial Normal School.

* The mover of the resolution affirms that T. H. Rand's name was mentioned in the original resolution, and must have been omitted in copying the resolution into the book of Minutes. The omission is, however, immaterial—the close connection of the last paragraph of the preamble with the first paragraph of the Resolution clearly identifying Mr. Rand as the person referred to.

The monument will have two bases of Nova Scotia Granite upon which will be placed a base, die, cap, and obelisk of polished Peterhead Granite; the whole to be about eighteen feet in height, and to cost twelve hundred dollars.

A considerable number of teachers have already forwarded donations to this object; and the Committee would now respectfully solicit contributions from Teachers and all others who sympathise with this effort to commemorate the educational labours of the late Dr. Forrester.

Subscriptions will be received and forwarded to the Treasurer by

D. M. Sterns, - - - -	Halifax City.
J. F. L. Parsons, - - - -	Halifax County.
E. H. Owen, - - - -	Lunenburg.
E. D. Miller, - - - -	Bridgewater.
Rev. C. Duff, - - - -	Liverpool.
Rev. W. H. Richan, - - - -	Shelburne.
A. D. Smith, - - - -	Yarmouth.
Culvin Raymond, - - - -	Digby.
Charles E. Gilliland, - - - -	Bear River.
Alexander Ross, - - - -	Annapolis.
Caleb Phinney, - - - -	Paradise.
William Eaton, - - - -	Kentville.
A. McN. Paterson, - - - -	Lower Horton.
Rev. D. M. Welton - - - -	Windsor.
Samuel Whiston, - - - -	Selma.
J. B. Calkin, - - - -	Truro.
H. C. Upham, - - - -	Great Village.
F. W. George, - - - -	Amherst.
J. T. Mellish, - - - -	"
Herbert A. Bayne, - - - -	Pictou.
Angus McIsaac, - - - -	Antigonish.
Samuel McNaughton, - - - -	Guysboro'.
John Y. Gunn, - - - -	Inverness Co.
Thomas McLean, - - - -	Baddeck.
Alexander Munro, - - - -	"
John Rhindress, - - - -	Sydney Mines.
Remi Benoit, - - - -	Richmond Co.

The Committee has also determined to place a life-size Portrait of Dr. Forrester in the Hall of the Provincial Normal School, provided sufficient funds shall be placed at their disposal for this purpose. It is proposed to procure this portrait from the contributions of the pupils of the Public Schools. The Committee would hereby respectfully solicit Teachers throughout the Province to afford their pupils an opportunity during the present term of contributing to this object. *One cent* from each pupil would enable the Committee to procure an elegant portrait. Funds for the Portrait may be forwarded by Teachers to the gentlemen named above.

The Committee earnestly commend the foregoing objects to Teachers and the friends of Education throughout this Province and respectfully solicit a prompt and generous response.

By order of the Committee,

S. McNAUGHTON, *Chairman.*

J. F. L. PARSONS, *Secretary.*

JOHN HOLLIES, *Treasurer.*

This was published and distributed in June, 1870, and in December following, at the meeting of the Convention at Pictou, no special statement of funds could be made, as none of the counties had been heard from. The Committee had some doubts about being able to collect the amount mentioned in the circular—\$1,200: and, through the Secretary, requested advice from the Association as to the kind of monument most appropriate and desirable for a smaller amount—say six hundred dollars. The Committee submitted plans of monuments in Marble, Freestone and Nova Scotia Granite, and desired an expression of opinion; but while individual members favored the meeting with their preferences, it was agreed by the Convention that the material, size, style, &c., &c., of the Monument had from the first been placed in the hands of the Forrester Memorial Committee, and that, as a body, the Association could not interfere or direct in the matter. No vote was taken. Only the following minute of the Committee's Report appears on the Record-book of the Educational Association:—

PRINCE STREET HALL, PICTOU, Dec. 29th, 7 P. M.

"Mr. Parsons gave in the Report and Financial Statement from the Committee on Forrester Memorial. He also submitted plans of the Memorial, with estimated cost. The Secretary and Inspector McDonald spoke briefly on the subject. On motion, the Report was received and adopted."

A year after the appeal had been sent out, the following circular letter was addressed to each of the gentlemen named above:—

[COPY.]

HALIFAX, July 1st, 1871.

Dear Sir,—Will you please furnish a statement of the amount of money collected by you for the Dr. Forrester Memorial Fund; also, the amount for Portrait? Will you also please inform me what the prospect is for further contributions from Teachers and friends in your County? The moneys collected are credited in the *Journal of Education*.

Please report before the middle of this month, as it is desirable to present a definite statement to the Convention of the Educational Association.

Yours truly,

J. PARSONS, *Secretary F. M. C.*

Up to the 18th July, eleven replies had been received, informing the Committee that an aggregate of between four and five hundred dollars could be counted on, though part of that was still to be collected.

The Secretary prepared a digest of reports received from nine counties, and mailed it on the 18th July to S. McNaughton, Annapolis, where the Association was holding its Convention. *That letter never came into Mr. McNaughton's possession*, and accordingly he was able only to make a partial statement from information received in previous letters. No action was taken by the Association at that Convention.

Subsequently additional information was received from six other counties; and, on November 9th, 1871, the Forrester Memorial Committee met for final decision in respect of the material, size, and style of the Monument.

After a careful comparison of estimates, the Committee concluded that they might calculate on *six hundred* dollars, from all sources; and they resolved that, as it was impossible to raise the twelve hundred dollars contemplated in the first appeal, they should procure, subject to the approval of absent members, a Monument of Nova Scotia Granite,—an Obelisk, as large as possible for the money—to contain two or four tablets of polished Peterhead Granite, according as additional funds should be forthcoming.

After the most careful deliberation, the Committee decided upon the monument described as follows:—

“An Obelisk of fine-cut Grey Granite, rising from a rustic granite foundation, surmounted by three Bases—the top one having the name FORRESTER raised on the front—a square Die, in which are inserted four panels of polished Red Peterhead Granite, three bearing inscriptions, and the fourth containing a Portrait of the Doctor, covered with plate-glass and hermetically sealed,—a moulded Cap, forming the base of a square Shaft which surmounts the whole. The Obelisk to be 10 feet 6 inches in height; the Cap, 9 inches deep; the Die, 4 feet 3 inches in height, by 3 feet 6 inches square, and three Bases each a foot in depth. The entire altitude from the apex to the ground being 21 feet.”

J. B. Calkin, Esq., M. A., having the premises in charge, was requested to procure from Government permission to erect the Monument on the grounds of the Normal College at Truro.

[COPY.]

NORMAL SCHOOL, TRURO, February 17th, 1872.

HON. W. B. VAIL, *Provincial Secretary*:

Dear Sir,—I write on behalf of the Forrester Memorial Committee, to request permission from the Government of Nova Scotia to erect, on the

grounds in front of the Normal School Buildings, a monument to the memory of the late Dr. Forrester. The proposed monument is to be of Nova Scotia Granite, with suitable inscriptions, and will be erected by Teachers and others.

An early reply will oblige yours very obediently,

(Signed) J. B. CALKIN.

[COPY OF REPLY.]

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, 27th Feb., 1872.

Sir,—I am instructed to inform you that the Government have no objection to the erection of the Monument to the memory of the late Rev. Dr. Forrester on the Normal School grounds.

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. CROSSKILL, *Dy. Secretary.*

J. B. CALKIN, ESQ., TRURO.

On receipt of the foregoing, the Committee prepared and, on the 9th of May, published a statement embracing a short history of the inception and progress of the movement, and announced Thursday, the 25th of July, 1872, as the time for the public inauguration of the Monument. This day was selected in order to suit the convenience of members of the Educational Association, who would be assembled in annual Convention during the same week in Halifax. Subsequently the Committee were compelled to change the day of inauguration from the 25th to Tuesday, the 23rd, in consequence of the "Managing Committee," in their programme for the Convention in Halifax, having covered the 25th with the proceedings of the Association, well knowing that the Memorial Committee had previously announced that day for the inaugural ceremonies at Truro.

This gratuitous act of obstruction was a fitting sequel to the unexpected and unwarrantable interference exhibited in the following correspondence:—

[COPY.]

TRURO, May 16th, 1872.

J. PARSONS, ESQ.:

Dear Sir,—I have this day received a communication from the Hon. W. B. Vail, Provincial Secretary, with a copy of a memorial to the Council of Public Instruction from the Managing Committee of Teachers' Association, copies of which documents I enclose marked A and B.

In my reply to Mr. Vail, I stated that no steps should be taken to place the monument on the Normal School grounds without further instructions from him.

I am yours very truly,

J. B. CALKIN.

[A. COPY.]

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, 15th May, 1872.

Sir.—Referring to the letter of the Deputy Secretary, under date of the 27th February last, I have it in command to transmit a copy of a memorial from the Managing Committee of the Teachers' Association, and request that no further action be taken with a view to placing the monument to the late Dr. Forrester on the Normal School grounds until the terms of the resolution passed by the Teachers' Association, on the 30th December, 1869, are fulfilled, more particularly that part of the Resolution which requires that the Monument shall be approved by the Superintendent of Education and the Principal of the Normal School. When the terms of the resolution have been complied with, should the Managing Committee still be desirous of erecting the Monument on the Normal School grounds, the Government will, on being notified, appoint a person to confer with the Committee and agree upon the site.

I am your obedient servant,

(Signed) W. B. VAIL.

J. B. CALKIN, Esq., *Principal of Normal School, Truro.*

[B. COPY.]

HALIFAX, N. S., May 11th, 1872.

To the Hon. the Members of the Council of Public Instruction :

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned, beg leave to call your attention to a communication in the *Morning Chronicle* of the 9th inst., signed by Messrs. McNaughton and Parsons.

Although we are the Managing Committee of the Teachers' Association, yet we do not assume authority to control the action of the Special Committee appointed to secure funds for a Memorial to the late Dr. Forrester. We, however, beg leave to state that this Committee, in the arrangements announced, has exceeded the power delegated to it by the Association.

They were "to devise ways and means for raising the amount necessary for the erection of a Memorial which they, in conjunction with the Superintendent of Education and the Principal of the Normal School, shall deem worthy of the late deceased and much lamented Principal of the Normal School."

Arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies were reserved for the action of the Association; and as the Association will meet in July next in Halifax, we deem it expedient that all such arrangements should await the decision of the ensuing Convention. We would therefore humbly request the exercise of your power to suspend all proceedings till the Association shall receive the report of the Committee and take action thereon. We simply claim for the Association the right to control the action of the Committee in all proceedings relating to the inauguration of the monument proposed.

We have, &c.,

CHARLES MAJOR,	} <i>Managing Committee.</i>
J. H. MACLAUGHLIN,	
JAS. H. SMITH,	
GEORGE ROSS,	
GEORGE RENNELS,	

Immediately upon the receipt of these letters the Memorial Committee held a meeting and were unanimous in the opinion that they had been invested with plenary powers for procuring funds, securing the Memorial, arranging for its public inauguration; and also, that they had not erred in continuing to consult Mr. Rand after his removal from the office of Superintendent of Education, as his appointment had been made on *personal*, not *official* grounds.

The Committee authorized the Secretary to write to the following gentlemen, prominent Educationists, who took an active part in the appointment of the Forrester Memorial Committee:—J. B. Calkin, M. A., Principal of Normal College, Truro; A. McN. Patterson, M. A., Lower Horton; Rev. T. A. Higgins, M. A., Wolfville; F. W. George, M. A., Amherst; H. A. Bayne, M. A., Pictou; C. S. Phinny, Lawrence-town; E. D. Millar, M. A., Bridgewater; Rev. Dr. Robertson, Wilmot; Hinkle Condon, Yarmouth.

The following questions were in substance put to each, and their opinions solicited.

1.—What knowledge have you respecting the appointment of the Forrester Memorial Committee? Was the Committee to act with T. H. Rand, and J. B. Calkin, Esqrs., personally, as interested friends of Dr. Forrester and the movement, or was the appointment of these two gentlemen *ex officio*, to apply to the incumbents of their respective offices?

2.—Had the Committee plenary powers, not only to add to their number, but to procure funds, to choose a monument, and in conjunction with the above named, to determine the time, place, and manner of erection?

All but the last named gentleman sent replies, extracts from which are appended to the Memorandum subsequently sent to Hon. W. B. Vail, Provincial Secretary, in reply to his letter and accompanying petition forwarded to Mr. Calkin, May 15th, 1872.

The Committee, thus unanimously sustained by all the prominent members of the Educational Association, who took any part in promoting the Memorial project, embodied their views in the Memorandum referred to in reply to the petition, and sought an interview with the Government.

The Secretary of the Forrester Memorial Committee by authority accordingly called upon the Hon. Provincial Secretary, and presented this letter:—

[COPY.]

HALIFAX, 10th June, 1872.

HON. W. B. VAIL, *Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia.*

Sir,—I have been authorized by the Forrester Memorial Committee to request the favor of an audience with the Government respecting a petition of the Managing Committee of the "Teachers' Association," and your letter to J. B. Calkin, Esq., of 15th May, 1872. The Committee is desirous of presenting a memorandum, and of making explanations regarding their appointment, their duties, and their work. The Committee named Saturday next, the 15th inst., in the hope that Mr. Calkin could also be present.

Hoping you will grant us the favor on that day, or as soon as possible,

I remain, Hon. Sir, yours obediently,

J. PARSONS, *Secretary F. M. C.*

Mr. Parsons took the opportunity of explaining that, not one of those now opposing the Forrester Memorial Committee was a member of the Association at the time of their appointment, and that neither Mr. Hunt nor any of the others attempting to dictate, and to stop the work, had ever contributed one cent to the Memorial fund. Also that only FOUR individuals out of ELEVEN officers and committee, could be induced to sign the petition—the last named (Mr. George Rennels) not being a member of the Committee nor even of the Association; and that one of the four, when solicited, almost two years previously, for a donation, had the good taste to insult the memory of the dead, by writing three ciphers opposite his name in the subscription list of Halifax City.

When Mr. Vail began to appreciate the false position into which he had been drawn, by granting, without affording any opportunities for reply, the petition to stop the Forrester Memorial Committee, he disclaimed all knowledge and part in the matter, said it was a personal affair entirely between two Committees, and the Government did not care to interfere. As the Government had already interfered on *ex parte* statements, *it was urged that a conference of all the parties with the Council might be the means of amicable adjustment, or at least afford the members of Government an opportunity to hear both sides.*

Several days after, the following answer was received to the request for an interview.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE, HALIFAX, N. S., 13th June, 1872.

Sir,—I am instructed to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th inst., and to inform you that, since the receipt thereof, and the personal interview had with you on the same day, the Hon. the Provincial Secretary consulted his colleagues in the Government, who agreed with him

that no material good could result by acceding to the request of the Committee.

The Government, at the solicitation of the Managing Committee of the Teachers' Association, requested the Committee of the Forrester Monument to take no further action with a view to placing the said Monument on the Normal School grounds, until the terms of the resolution passed by the Teachers' Association, on the 30th December, 1869, are fulfilled.

When the above terms are complied with, as stated in the letter of the Provincial Secretary of the 15th May last, addressed to the Principal of the Normal School, the Government will be happy to name a person to meet the Committee and select the site.

Your obedient servant,

H. CROSSKILL, *Deputy Secretary.*

J. PARSONS, Esq., *Sec'y F. M. C.*

The Committee then mailed to the Hon. W. B. Vail, Provincial Secretary, the following Memorandum and Appendix.

MEMORANDUM OF THE FORRESTER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee of the Forrester Memorial having had under consideration, the petition of the "Managing Committee of the Teachers' Association," to the Council of Public Instruction, dated Halifax, May 11th, 1872, and the letter of the Hon. Provincial Secretary, in relation thereto, of date 15th May, 1872, transmitted by J. B. Calkin, Esq., in his note to the Secretary of the Memorial Committee, dated, Truro, May 16th, 1872, beg to offer the following reply :

1.—That this Committee do not acknowledge the right of the Managing Committee to dictate to them the course they are to pursue, or to control their action in carrying out the work entrusted to them by the Educational Association of Nova Scotia. They decline to be bound by any interpretation of the terms of their commission, or the limits of their powers, inconsistent with their knowledge of the spirit and intentions of the Association in the appointment of the Committee, as well as with *all* the facts of the case.

2.—That this Committee was appointed with authority to carry out the enterprise to a successful issue, including full power to determine the size, style, material, cost, and site of the proposed monument, together with the time and manner of inauguration; and that they are, moreover, personally responsible to the contractor for the cost of the Memorial. With this understanding it was at first hoped the monument would be finished and dedicated before the Convention of 1870, at which it was anticipated the Committee would be able to report the completion of their task. This hope was not realized, but the Committee have at last, the near prospect of the desired consummation. Having ascertained from the Secretary of the Managing Committee, the probable date of the next Convention, they fixed the day for the

Inauguration so as to suit the convenience of the Association, and afford to all interested an opportunity of assisting on the occasion.

3.—They beg to deny that “arrangements for the inaugural ceremonies were reserved for the action of the Association.”—So far from there being any such reservation expressed or understood, the Committee were again and again reminded that the matter was entirely in their hands, and that the Association, as a body, could not attend to details which properly belonged to this Committee to deal with.

4.—This Committee has acted up to the letter and spirit of their commission. They have neither exceeded their powers nor violated the conditions of their appointment. The Resolution of the Association, passed Dec. 30th, 1869, must be interpreted by the intentions of its framers and supporters at the time, and by the subsequent action of the Association.

The Chairman of this committee was the author of that resolution, and is therefore entitled to speak as to its scope and meaning. We have his authority, supported by the testimony of prominent members of the Convention of 1869, who took part in the deliberations on this subject, for the statement, that the Superintendent of Education, and Principal of the Normal School were not, as is alleged, nominated *ex-officio* members of the Committee. The appointments were *personal* not *official*.

Messrs. Rand and Calkin were selected as prominent educationists and *intimate friends* of Dr. Forrester, to co-operate with the Committee in securing a memorial “worthy of the man.” This view is confirmed by the significant fact that for two years and a half the difficulty now raised was never heard of, nor did the Association, either at the Pictou or Annapolis Convention, take any steps to rectify what, if the allegation in question be correct, was certainly an important mistake as to the constitution and powers of its committee. On the contrary, the Pictou Convention of 1870, declined interfering in the business of the Memorial, throwing the responsibility of its management upon this committee, as already adverted to.

At the same time, the Committee recognize the propriety of the official Head of the Education Department being connected with the project of a memorial to a distinguished predecessor.

5.—The Normal School Grounds are, of course, under the control of the Provincial Government. The Committee gratefully appreciated the courtesy of the Government in granting permission to place the proposed monument on the scene of the Doctor's labours, and they cannot but regret the withdrawal of that permission on *ex parte* statements, accepted without investigation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

On behalf of the Forrester Memorial Committee.

(Signed.)

SAMUEL MACNAUGHTON, *Chairman*,
J. PARSONS, *Secretary*.

Halifax. June 13th, 1872.

APPENDIX

CONTAINING STATEMENTS OF PROMINENT EDUCATIONISTS, MEMBERS OF
THE ASSOCIATION, PRESENT WHEN THE FORRESTER MEMORIAL
COMMITTEE WAS APPOINTED.

J. B. Calkin, M. A., Principal of Normal College and Past President of the Educational Association, states :—

"The impression on my mind respecting the monument has been that the whole matter originated with Mr. Rand, and that in consequence of his personal interest manifested in various ways, and substantially by the promise of a large contribution towards the object, he was appointed by the Association as a suitable person to aid the Committee. I fully believe it was the interest he showed in the matter, and not his official position, that led to his connection with the Committee.

"I was not aware it was the duty of the Committee to report to the Association, but thought the whole matter was in its hands."

A. McN. Patterson, M. A., President of Educational Association, writes :—

"I think your views of the powers invested in your Committee are perfectly correct. At the same time, you deserve great praise for what you have accomplished, considering the want of general interest in the matter."

Rev. T. A. Higgins, M. A., Ex-President, says :—

"For my own part, it certainly never would have occurred to me that the Committee was in any sense going beyond its powers in carrying on the work to completion. . . . So far as my memory serves, there was nothing said, or even implied, which can be construed into any reservation of right upon the part of the Association to place the monument when secured; nor can I conceive where the present Managing Committee of Association could have secured information to that effect.

"With reference to Mr. Rand's position in the Committee, the 3rd 'whereas' shows plainly that *he*, as an *individual*, was intended, and no one at that time thought of any one else, or ever expected the probability of any one else taking his place in the matter."

F. W. George, M. A., late Secretary of Association, replies as follows :—

"I have no doubt that Mr. Rand is the gentleman intended by Superintendent of Education. If my memory serves me properly, it was I who suggested that the Superintendent of Education and Principal of Normal School should be associated with the Committee: and of course Mr. Rand and Mr. Calkin were the persons thus associated.

"My impression is that the Committee did report fully at the Picton meeting, and were authorized to adopt what plans or other measures they might judge best."

H. A. Bayne, M. A., of Pictou, writes :—

"I do not think that the 'Memorial Committee' have exceeded the powers intrusted to them in any particular. I do not know what action was taken last summer at Annapolis. By the proceedings of the Association in Pictou, I think that the matter was intrusted entirely to the Committee. I believe that by "Superintendent of Education" nothing else was contemplated but that Mr. Rand, the originator of the movement and the warm personal friend of the Doctor, should take the leading part."

C. S. Phinney, Esq., V. P. of the Educational Association, states :—

"Whilst my recollection of particulars concerning the Committee is not very distinct, my impression with regard to the general scope and tendency of the resolution and functions of Committee is strong, and is this :—

"The Memorial Committee had full powers to arrange and conduct to final issue, reporting to Convention as the work progressed. I never considered that the Managing Committee of the Convention had anything more to do with the matter than any individual member of Convention ; and I can scarcely conceive how any person not contributing to the object (whatever his position) could think of having anything to do with arrangements.

"With regard to Mr. Rand, my conviction is that, for various reasons, he is the proper person to consult and to take the lead. He was the personal friend and co-worker of the Doctor ; was Superintendent of Education when arrangements were made for obtaining the memorial, and was foremost in projecting and contributing means for it. These are my recollections and views of the subject, as I have carefully considered them."

* E. D. Miller, B. A., has written from Edinburgh :—

"The design of a memorial stone was first suggested by Mr. Rand, I think, in the *Educational Journal* ; it was afterwards brought by him directly before the Teachers in an address to the Institute. When the Committee was appointed, in connection with Mr. McNaughton's motion, to carry out the project, Mr. Rand would have been placed at the head of it, had he been a member of the Institute ; but from his official position, he thought it best not to become a member of the Institute, and therefore to secure his co-operation in spite of his office, the clause was inserted requiring his approval."

* Rev. Dr. Robertson, Honorary Member, and present when the Memorial Committee was appointed, writes :—

"My own impression at the time was that the whole project arose from a spontaneous feeling of respect and admiration for the memory of one who succeeded, through much labor and self-devotedness to his work, in establishing a Free School System in this Province. Mr. Rand, it is true, originated

* The opinions of the last two gentlemen came to hand too late to be sent in with the others.

he scheme, and helped in giving it a practical form. But I understood that he did so as a *friend*, not as an official of Government.

"The powers of the Committee, I certainly understood to be *plenary* and complete for carrying out the Resolution to its final conclusion. In fact, the power of adding to their number at their own discretion seemed to imply this."

The Committee at the same time mailed the subjoined letter to Rev. A. S. Hunt, to which he sent no reply and which he has since publicly characterized as "too insulting to merit an answer."

[COPY.]

HALIFAX, June, 15th, 1872

REV. A. S. HUNT, M. A., *Superintendent of Education* :

DEAR SIR,—I beg to inform you that I communicated to the Forrester Memorial Committee, your views, as stated to me in a recent interview, respecting the right of the Superintendent of Education *ex-officio* to be consulted by the Committee before final action is taken for the erection and inauguration of the monument to the late Dr. Forrester.

In reply, the Committee desire me to say that they are unable to concur in this interpretation of the Resolution of the Educational Association for the following reasons :—

1.—Because it is inconsistent with the spirit and intentions of the framers and supporters of the Resolution, as expressed in the Association at the time of the appointment of the Committee. From their own personal knowledge of this fact and of all the circumstances of the case, the Committee have always acted on the principle that the nomination of Mr. Rand was made on *personal*, not *official* grounds. He was selected along with Mr. Calkin, not as the Superintendent of Education, but as a prominent Educationist, a *personal friend* of Dr. Forrester, and the *originator of the project*, to co-operate with the Committee in securing "a memorial worthy of the man." The appointment being *personal*, not *official*, he continued to hold the same relation to the Committee after he ceased to be Superintendent of Education, as before. The Committee, accordingly, have not the power now to exclude him from their deliberations.

2.—Because this new interpretation is at variance with written testimony in the Committee's possession from leading members of the Association of 1869, and others identified with the Association from its first inception, who spoke and voted on the resolution—confirming the soundness of the view entertained by the Committee on this point.

3.—Because for two years and a-half, including two Conventions of the Association, at which the matter of the Memorial was brought up, no exception was taken by any member of the Association to the constitution or procedure of the Committee, nor anything done to correct the alleged erroneous

interpretation of the commission under which they were acting. The Committee regard this as conclusive evidence that the change proposed was never contemplated by the Association.

At the same time, the Committee recognize the propriety of the official Head of the Education Department being connected with the project of a Memorial to a distinguished predecessor, and had they been aware of your personal interest in the matter, would gladly have availed themselves of your countenance and aid.

I am therefore instructed by the Committee, hereby, to invite the favor of your co-operation in their future proceedings.

I am, yours obediently,

J. PARSONS, *Secretary F. M. C.*

The Committee then waited nearly four weeks, giving the Government ample opportunity to make the *amende honorable*, by quietly withdrawing their veto on the erection of the Monument on the Normal School Grounds, leaving the issue between the two Committees to the decision of the Educational Convention, the only competent authority in the case.

The Committee were disappointed in their reasonable expectations of an amicable settlement of the difficulty. They felt however, bound in honour to complete the work in accordance with the original arrangements. This was due to the Public, the Educational Association, and the Contractor, who was pressing the Committee to fix the site so that he might have the foundation completed and the monument erected before the time publicly announced for the inauguration. Permission was sought and obtained from the Supervisors of Public property in Truro, to erect the Monument in the centre of the Square just in front of the County Court House, and some eight feet from the Elm Tree planted in commemoration of the visit of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, in 1860.

In view of the unfriendly attitude assumed by Mr. Hunt towards the enterprise, and the manner in which he had treated the Committee's invitation to co-operate, they believe they would have been justified in declining all further communication with him on the subject. They preferred, however, to go to the utmost verge which courtesy might seem to require, and, accordingly, in arranging for the inaugural ceremonies, resolved to extend to Mr. Hunt's official position the last act of respect that was in their power to render, by requesting him to offer the Dedictory Prayer on the occasion, as will be seen from the following letter of the Secretary sent to Mr. Hunt by order of the Committee.

HALIFAX, 16th July, 1872.

Dear Sir, —I am directed by the Forrester Memorial Committee to invite your presence and aid in the Inauguration of the Monument in Truro, on Tuesday, 23rd inst., beginning at half-past 1, P. M.

The Committee would like you to offer the dedicatory prayer, and also to make some remarks on the occasion.

Awaiting a reply.

I remain, yours obediently,

J. PARSONS, Sec'y., F. M. C.

To this letter Mr. Hunt sent the following reply:—

EDUCATION OFFICE. HALIFAX, July 22nd., 1872.

J. PARSONS, Esq.,—

Dear Sir,—Your note of the 18th inst., was received this morning. It was mailed on the 20th.

In the purchase of this monument about to be erected, the Committee of which you are a member acted, I think, in violation of their instructions from the Teachers' Association.

It should have been the aim of the Monument Committee to keep this work altogether free from party strife. I have to regret that you have not done so, and, therefore, must decline taking any part in the ceremonies of tomorrow, or in any way identifying myself with what is evidently an infraction of the Resolution of the Teachers' Association.

Yours truly,

A. S. HUNT.

At this stage the Rev. A. S. Hunt so far forgot official propriety and his sacred profession as a Minister of the Gospel, as to publish in the columns of the *Morning Chronicle* a violent attack on the Forrester Memorial Committee, marked by misrepresentation and personal abuse, for the purpose of damaging their cause in public estimation. He also exerted his private influence to the utmost to thwart the Committee in their plans, and prevent the erection of the Monument on the site selected. In both these objects he signally failed. The large and interested assemblage that gathered at Truro on the morning of Tuesday the 23rd of July 1872, to witness the unveiling of the Monument, and the triumphant vindication of the Memorial Committee in the subsequent meeting of the Educational Association,—whose "instructions" Mr. Hunt charged them with "violating," and to which he so confidently appealed for their condemnation,—afforded unmistakeable evidence that the Rev. Gentleman had "reckoned without his host," and that his imprudent intermeddling with a matter beyond his jurisdiction found no favour either with the Teachers of the Province, or the community at large.

The following account of the INAUGURATION at Truro, partly compiled from the newspaper reports of the day, is here embodied as a more permanent record of the most remarkable educational demonstration ever held in Nova Scotia.

INAUGURATION OF THE MEMORIAL TO THE LATE DR. FORRESTER.

The inauguration of the Memorial erected by the teachers and friends of Education throughout the Province, to the memory of the late Dr. Forrester, was held at Truro, on Tuesday, in the presence of a large assembly of people from all parts of the country.

The monument consists of a square granite obelisk, and is placed in the centre of the Truro Square or Common, as it is called, a position in which it shows to good advantage. The obelisk is 18 feet in height, which, with the foundation, which is raised some two or three feet above the surrounding surface, gives the whole structure an elevation of upwards of twenty feet. Three of the faces of the pedestal bear inscriptions as follows:—

ALEXANDER FORRESTER, D. D.
Born 1305—Died 1869 :
SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION
For Nova Scotia
1855 to 1864.
PRINCIPAL
of the
Provincial Normal College,
1855 to 1869,
From its foundation till his death.

The second tablet has the following inscription in Latin:—

ALEXANDER FORRESTER, D. D.
Natus MDCCCV.
Obiit MDCCCLXIX.
In Nova Scotia
Rerum Scholasticarum
Princeps
A. D. 1855—A. D. 1864.
Et
Collegii Provincialis
Ad Praeceptores Parandos
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A. D. 1855—A. D. 1869.
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Upon a third is inscribed :—

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Within the fourth there is inserted a copy by Notman of a photograph by Rogers, of St. Andrew's, Scotland, showing a good likeness of Dr. Forrester's appearance in the latter years of his life, with the motto, "*Vir honestus insignisque.*"

A large number of Teachers from all parts of the country were present, many, no doubt, taking advantage of the meeting of the Teachers' Association in this city this week, to avail themselves of the opportunity to witness the ceremony. A goodly number of the friends of Dr. Forrester from this city were also present to pay respect to his memory, and some even from a greater distance had come to do honor to an occasion on which the gratitude of the whole country might be supposed to have found expression.

The ceremony was begun by the assembled multitude uniting to sing two verses of the 100th Psalm, after which the Rev. Dr. McCulloch offered up the dedicatory prayer in very appropriate and feeling language. The President of the Teachers' Association, Mr. Patterson, then addressed a few words to the audience. Mr. J. Scott Hutton then made a statement in respect to the work of the Memorial Committee in securing the erection of the monument. He read a list of the contributions from the different counties of the Province and from private parties, and announced that the Monument was now free of debt. He read the following letters from the Lieutenant Governor and Sir William Young, regretting their inability to be present at the ceremony of inauguration, and at the same time expressing their high appreciation of him whose memory it was intended to commemorate :—

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, 12th July, 1872.

Sir,—I am directed by the Lieut.-Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., in which, on behalf of the Memorial Committee, you request His Excellency to be present on the occasion of the dedication of the memorial erected in honour of the late Rev. Dr. Forrester, and to unveil the monument. In reply, I am to inform you that Sir Hastings Doyle regrets that his numerous and pressing engagements will prevent his complying with the request of the Committee; but I am at the same time to assure you of the interest he feels in the work in which you are engaged, destined as it is to perpetuate the memory of an able and conscientious public servant.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

HARRY MOODY.

J. L. PARSONS, ESQ.

HALIFAX, 20th July, 1872.

GENTLEMEN,—

I was honored on the 1st inst., with your invitation to deliver an address at the inauguration of the Monument to be erected on Tuesday next at Truro, to the memory of my late venerable and respected friend, Dr. Forrester. Our connection was long and intimate—he devoted all the energies of an indefatigable and fervent enthusiasm, and all the powers of a vigorous and cultivated mind to the cause of popular education, in which, co-operating with him and others, I have expended much of my own time and thoughts. I admired the disinterested earnestness and unflagging zeal, with which, amidst some mortifications and many difficulties, he fought the good fight, and prepared the Country for accepting, in the Free School system, the richest and most productive gift that the Legislature and Government could confer upon the masses. The task, long accounted hopeless, was at length accomplished, and now that prejudices and misapprehensions have passed away, all men are agreed in honoring the memory, and appreciating the life-long efforts of the steadiest friend, and the foremost advocate of education for the whole people.

I regret, therefore, as I stated to your Secretary immediately on receipt of your letter, that my judicial duties in the Supreme Court now in session, render it impossible for me to be present at the inauguration on the 23rd inst.

I remain, gentlemen, yours truly,

WILLIAM YOUNG.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE FORRESTER MEMORIAL.

Mr. Hutton then formally handed over the Monument to the custody of the High Sheriff of the County of Colchester and the Supervisors of the Truro Common. At the same moment the structure was unveiled by the members of Committee, and the tablets, which remained to this moment covered, were exposed to view. A thrill went through the audience as the image of the great man appeared enshrined in the polished granite from the quarries of his native Country. Mr. Sheriff Blanchard in a few words accepted the responsibility.

The President then introduced to the audience the Rev. Dr. Robertson, of Wilmot, who was appointed to deliver the oration on the occasion.

Dr. Robertson spoke to the following effect:—We are assembled to commemorate the character and work of a great and good man. Dr. Forrester was born in Scotland in 1805; was educated at the University of Edinburgh, where he studied under Professors Pillans, Dunbar, Sir John Leslie, Wilson, and Dr. Lee. He was licensed in 1831 and ordained in 1835. His first charge was the Parish of Sorbie, Wigtonshire, where he remained until the disruption of the Free Church from the Establishment in 1843. The nature and character of that remarkable event were graphically described, as well as the deep and abiding feeling among the Scottish people, from which the great movement took its rise. The Free Church was then formed, and in some parishes, the people to a man joined it. Dr. Forrester engaged heart and soul in the movement, and was the only member of his Presbytery who did so. Shortly after this, he was called to Paisley, to the charge of the Free Middle

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Church of that city. Where he remained four years, until 1848, when he visited Nova Scotia as deputy from the Free Church. Here he remained, and had charge of St. John's Church, Halifax. He was appointed Secretary to the Provincial Exhibition of 1854. Here Dr. Robertson himself was honoured with a request to officiate at the opening of that Exhibition, and there first made personal acquaintance with Dr. Forrester, and learned the deep interest he felt in the subject of education and the general prosperity of the Province. In the following year—1855—Dr. Forrester was appointed Superintendent of Education and Principal of the Normal School. The founding of this Institution is chiefly due to Chief Justice Young and the Government of which he was then the Leader. As Superintendent of Education, the Doctor visited every section of the Province in subsequent years; and by his lectures, infused a portion of his own enthusiasm into the public mind. In these visits he was always received with the hearty sympathies of the people. In 1863, he visited Great Britain, France and Belgium, taking extensive notes of the school systems in these countries. In 1864, the Principalship of the Normal School was separated from the Superintendency of Education and again in the former capacity, Dr. Forrester devoted himself with renewed energy to the work. After a most successful career, he died in New York in 1869.

Dr. R. then referred to the state of education in the Province in former times, to show what had been done. He mentioned several amusing instances within his own knowledge of the primitive condition of the country schools at the time. The school-houses were poor and miserable in the extreme; look at them now, comfortable, respectable, and suited to the work. Then the system of education was most imperfect and deficient. Those who could not pay for schooling must be content in their ignorance: now every child, however poor the parents, can go to school free. The whole system is now supported by the property of the people, which is thus again protected in return. Our people are daily becoming more and more intelligent under this improved system, and are consequently able to wisely exercise the suffrages, political and otherwise, for which they are constitutionally responsible.

He briefly referred to Dr. Forrester's work on education, "The Teacher's Text-Book." He said it was far in advance of the works of Pestalozzi, Horace Mann, and Dr. Ryerson. He regretted that the Provincial Press had not given a more extended notice of the contents of this great work. The London *Athenaeum* alone did justice to its incomparable merit. It treated first of the science of education and the faculties of the mind to be cultivated, specifying their philosophical characteristics; then explains the art of education, setting forth the best methods of teaching and organizing schools, and expatiating at length on the duty of all—the state and church—to support and promote this great object of national importance. He thought an epitome should be made of the work, so that in a cheaper form it might come within the reach of every Teacher in the Province.

Speaking of Dr. Forrester's personal character, he described his close acquaintance with science, his extensive scholarship, classical, historical, and scientific. His powers of organization and intuitive sense of order, moulding several disjointed elements into one harmonious system, were most remarkable. His enthusiasm and perseverance in the cause never abated for a moment. And he had the rare faculty of infusing his own spirit into the minds of all who sat under him. His catholicity of sentiment was as remarkable as his other intellectual qualities. His truly christian spirit was the leading element of his character. We shall long mourn the departure from our midst of so great a benefactor to our country. Had he been spared, he would have doubtlessly still farther advanced the cause of education. But the great Author of all has called him away in the midst of his usefulness; and all that is left for us now is to do honour to his memory as the great founder of the "Free School System of Nova Scotia."

The oration, of which the above is a bare outline, occupied forty minutes in delivery, and was listened to with marked attention.

The Rev. Mr. Dimock next spoke. He enlarged eloquently on the benefits of true education, which he styled the Magna Charta of our liberties. He spoke of the genial character of Dr. Forrester, and said he loved him, his face was never seen without a pleasant smile. He referred to the opening of the Normal School, and to many who were then present who have since passed away. To what, he asked, do we owe our free system of Education? To what does Britain owe freedom? To an open Bible, the grand chart and pilot of our voyage through life. He said he could bear testimony to the sustained enthusiasm of Dr. Forrester in his work. He was glad to congratulate the Committee on the conclusion of their work.

The chairman then called upon T. H. Rand, Esq., Superintendent of Education for New Brunswick. Loud and prolonged cheering greeted Mr. Rand as he rose to his feet. The audience seemed glad of the opportunity of giving a hearty welcome to one who had been an intimate friend and fellow labourer with Dr. Forrester.

Mr. Rand said he had pleasure in being present. He could not afford not to mark the services of Dr. Forrester. He would not speak of the fine qualities of his character, his earnestness, energy and devotion to the cause of Education. He quoted from Tennyson:—

"A good grey head which all men knew."

He spoke of his own connection with the Normal School, and his relation to Dr. Forrester while he lived. He said it was only right we should mark our estimate of the energy and enthusiasm he had so markedly manifested in the cause of Education. We inherit the experience and wisdom of the great men who have gone before, and should on the present occasion be stimulated by the example set by Dr. Forrester.

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memory of Dr. F. were held closely associated with the work still to be done ; and it was more than hinted that to fail to defend and perfect the system founded by him, would be to cast contempt upon his labours and to trample his honour in the dust. Something more than obelisk and chaste inscriptions were essential if Nova Scotia would revere the character and hallow the memory of Dr. Alexander Forrester.

When Mr. Rand had finished his address, Mr. Mayo arranged the assembly, and took a photographic picture of the scene.

On the evening of the same day, (the 23rd of July) the Educational Association met in Dalhousie College, Halifax. At the morning session next day, in accordance with the published Programme prepared by the "Managing Committee," the report of the Forrester Memorial Committee was called for, and read to a full convention by Mr. Parsons, as follows:—

REPORT OF THE FORRESTER MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The Forrester Memorial Committee beg to report to the Donors and Friends of the undertaking, that after two and a-half years deliberation and effort, they have been enabled to procure a Monument—a plain obelisk, of smooth Nova Scotia Granite, five feet six inches square at the base, and rising eighteen feet above the foundation. Each of the four sides of the die is faced with a tablet of polished Peterhead Granite, three of which contain appropriate inscriptions, and the fourth a photograph of Doctor Forrester.

The Monument has cost.....	\$725 00
And the necessary expenses amount to.....	45 00

Making a total of.....	\$770 00
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all of which has been contributed ; and though the Committee have not yet received into their hands all the subscriptions, yet they hold the promises from several counties of amounts to be forwarded in a few days, and have credited them therewith, thus enabling the Committee to report to this Convention, and to the public in general, that the Memorial is paid for.

Yesterday, Tuesday, 23rd inst., the Monument, appropriately decorated with flowers, was unveiled in the presence of about two thousand spectators, and dedicated with the following ceremonies:

PROGRAMME.

Chairman.—A. McN. Patterson, Esq., M. A., (President.)

Singing.—Two stanzas of the Hundredth Psalm.

Opening Remarks by Chairman.

Dedicatory Prayer by Rev. Dr. McCulloch.

Statement on behalf of the Committee—Placing the Monument in trust of the Public Officials, by J. Scott Hutton, Esq., M. A.

Unveiling of the Monument.

Reply of the Sheriff of Colchester County.

Inaugural Oration by Rev. Dr. Robertson.

Several short addresses.

Commendatory letters were read from Sir Hastings Doyle and the Chief Justice.—The Committee thus report the successful completion of their labors.

Very truly.

(Signed.)

S. MACNAUGHTON, <i>Chairman</i> ,	} Forrester Memorial Committee.
J. PARSONS, <i>Secretary</i> ,	
J. SCOTT HUTTON,	
HERBERT A. BAYNE, J. HOLLIES.	

HALIFAX, 24th July, 1872.

Mr. F. W. George moved, and Mr. D. M. Sterns seconded, that the report be received and adopted. In amendment to this it was moved by Mr. Angus Ross, and seconded by Mr. C. J. Major,—

“That this Association deeply regret that the Forrester Memorial Committee should have exceeded the authority confided to them to procure means to erect a monument to the late Dr. Forrester, and proceeded to erect the monument without the authority of the Association.”

The amendment was put and rejected, only SEVEN members voting for it.*

The first motion (to receive and adopt the report of the Memorial Committee) was then carried, there being the same number of dissentients.

After so signal a defeat, and with the example before them of the forbearance exercised by the Memorial Committee in refraining in their report from any allusion to the offensive action of the Managing Committee, it might have been expected that the latter would have been careful to avoid further collision with the Association on the subject. They seemed, however, to court the humiliation of a second rebuke.

At the Thursday morning session, the report of the Managing Committee was read by Mr. Major, when, *inter alia*, the petition (already given on page 12) of the four individuals assuming to represent the views and interests of the Association to the Government in opposition to the Memorial Committee, was recited with an emphasis of defiance apparently designed as a challenge to the Association.

Mr. Parsons claimed the right of reading the reply of the Memorial Committee to that document, already quoted on page 15. This request was granted. It was then moved by Messrs. Alexander McKay and N. Spinney, that the report of the Managing Committee be received and adopted. The motion was put and declared lost, by an overwhelm-

* SEVEN.—namely, three of the four members of the Managing Committee who got up the petition to the Council of Public Instruction to stop the Memorial Committee—a son of one of these, a brother of another, a nephew of the latter,—and one solitary teacher from the ranks of the profession outside of Halifax!

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ing majority. The Association thus, for the second time, decisively sustained the Memorial Committee, and condemned the action of the Managing Committee, in causelessly stirring up strife over the ashes of the venerated dead. The Association further stamped such conduct with disapprobation by dispensing with the services of the Managing Committee, and electing other officers more worthy of confidence.

Such is a plain, unvarnished statement of the inception, progress, and completion of the FORRESTER MEMORIAL, "nothing extenuated, nor aught set down in malice." Throughout the whole matter—while acknowledging no authority but that by which they were appointed, viz., the Educational Association—the Committee have endeavoured to execute faithfully the letter and spirit of their commission. From first to last, they have acted strictly on the defensive. Assailed with misrepresentation and abuse from parties who had no legitimate business to interfere, they did all in their power, consistent with honor and self-respect, to bring about an amicable adjustment. Failing this, they held on the even tenor of their way, until they were enabled to report to their constituents the successful completion of their labours.

None can deplore so much as the Committee, the unseemly spectacle of strife over the ashes of the dead, but they feel confident that a discerning Public will be able, *now that all the facts of the case are, for the first time, before them*, justly to determine where the onus and the disgrace of this spectacle must be laid.

In conclusion, they rejoice that they have had the honour of being instrumental in raising a monument to departed genius and worth, which shall stand, long after all the petty jealousies and schemes of local partizanship are buried in oblivion, as a memorial of the noblest devotion to the highest interests of our country, and, at the same time, as an example and an inspiration for future generations.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

It has not been found practicable to publish a complete list of the donors,—first, because in many instances the names of the contributors were not forwarded to the Committee; and, secondly, because many subscribers preferred that their names should not be publicly announced.

Monies Received.

Annapolis County.....	\$13.50
Antigonish ".....	12.50
Cape Breton ".....	14.50
Colchester ".....	102.31
Normal School.....	29.70
Cumberland County.....	5.00
Guysboro' ".....	26.75
Halifax (Teachers).....	96.57½
Halifax City (Friends).....	78.00
Hants County.....	20.62
Kings ".....	19.00
Lunenburg ".....	14.67½
Pictou ".....	150.50
Queens ".....	1.50
Richmond ".....	17.00
Shelburne ".....	34.87½
Victoria ".....	39.17
Yarmouth ".....	10.00
T. H. Rand, Esq.,.....	50.00
Hon. Dr. Parker.....	20.00
J. B. Calkin, Esq.,.....	20.00
Hon. A. G. Archibald.....	10.00
Amount received.....	<u>\$786.17½</u>

Expenditure.

Mr. George Sanford's Bill for Monument.....	\$725.00
Expenses at the time of Inauguration.....	18.95
Levelling and finishing round the Monument.....	10.00
Expenses of Committee for Printing Circulars, Postage, Stationery, &c.....	32.00
	<u>\$785.95</u>
Balance.....	00.22½